

BUSINESS NAME

HIGHLIGHTS

- £7500 FOR COVID-19 RELIEF
- MARK BENEVOLENT FUND
- ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

DYFED MARK

CHARITIES

MAY 2021

Brethren,

Ahead of the Annual Meeting I wanted to share with you the headlines of the Provincial Benevolent Fund & explain to you the work of the DYFED MARK BENEVOLENT FUND.

COVID19:

£3000 Grants to Foodbanks

At the outset of Lockdown in 2020 the PGM, RW Bro. Gary Hicks suggested that Mark support Foodbanks in the Province. 3 Foodbanks in Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire were each given £1000 to support families suffering financially because of the lockdown.

£4500 Christmas Grants

In the lead up to Christmas the Mark Benevolent Fund (the order's central charity) highlighted the stress being caused to many people due to pressures of loneliness and the continuing lockdown. The Trustees decided to support charities throughout the Province who were helping our communities in these difficult times.

The following grants were made:

CARMARTHEN FOODBANK £355

LLANELLI FOODBANK £355

PEMBREY AND BURRY PORT FOODBANK £290

PATCH Pembrokeshire £1000

TIR DEWI £500

JIGSO £500

CROSSROADS £900, between Pembrokeshire, Ceredigion & Carmarthenshire

PEMBROKESHIRE CARE SHARE AND GIVE £200

HAFAL Pembrokeshire £400

We need your help to identify more charities which you think we may be able to support.



MARK BENEVOLENT FUND

The MBF (the Central Mark Charity) has an annual festival hosted by a Province. Last year Kent raised £2m and this year it is East Lancashire's turn.

Although Dyfed is not asked to host a Festival because of our size, this does not stop our supporting Festivals and £2000 has been given to East Lancashire.

In 2020 MBF made grants of over £900,000, of which £166,000 was given to support grants given by Provinces to good causes. 74% of Grants are to non Masonic Recipients.

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Honorifics

A feature of the MBF is the giving of honorifics to Brethren, Lodges and Provinces, who have donated to the Fund. We will make donations to the Fund from payments made to our Provincial Fund, in the names of the individual brethren who have made donations.

To be a Life Governor Brethren, you need to donate £100, Vice Patron £250, Patron £500. There are higher awards for your generosity.

The donations are cumulative over the years and any brethren who want to know if they have funds standing against their name with MBF should contact the Provincial Charity Steward.

A portion of identifiable donations from brethren are sent to the MBF under your individual names.

IF YOU WANT TO MAKE DONATIONS TO MBF, PLEASE CONTACT THE PROVINCIAL CHARITY STEWARD AT:

charitysteward@dyfedmarkmasons.co.uk

Tel: 01554 404342

Provincial Benevolent Fund—annual accounts

The annual accounts have now been audited and a big thank you to all the brethren who donated to the PGM's Christmas Appeal.

RW Bro Gary asked you to support the fund in replacing the £1000 which we usually receive in Alms from the cancelled Annual Meeting. Well brethren you surpassed that in raising £2000.

As a result income totalled £11262.18, with payments made of £13830.

We received £1772 in Gift Aid, so thank you to all those who have made Gift Aid Declarations, as you can see it makes a big difference.

Hot off the Press: HMRC has sent £28 more Gift Aid than I expected.

Late in last year, following a recommendation by a Brother, £1000 is being donated to CYCA, a Carmarthenshire charity which supports some of the most deprived of families.

Only last month brethren, following work by the Provincial Almoner and the support of a very generous brother in Pembrokeshire, two televisions were purchased for the A & E Department at Withybush Hospital.

We still have good reserves in proportion to our size, so brethren, if you know of a local charity in need of support contact the PGM, Charity Steward or the Provincial Almoner.

AND FINALLY BRETHREN, OUR PRIMARY AIM IS TO SUPPORT MARK MASONS AND THEIR FAMILIES AND THE PGM AND PROV. ALMONER ARE HERE TO HELP, IN CONFIDENCE AND WITH DISCRETION.

